

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-29. Canceled

30. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically providing a compressed rendition of a video program presenting (pictorial transcript) in a format suitable for electronic searching and retrieval, said method following creation of a collection of pictorial transcript representations, where each pictorial transcript representation in said collection (a) is created from an applied full motion video program that includes full motion video and information that is, or may be converted to, text, (b) comprises segments, each of which contains a portion of said video program, and text that is derived from that portion of said information that is associated with said portion of said video program, and information about a video frame that is representative of the segment, comprising the steps of:

receiving electronic data representing a condensed version of a video program, said video program having a full motion video component and a second information-bearing media component associated therewith that is, or may be converted to text, said electronic data representation including a representative frame from each segment of the video component of the video program and a portion of said second media component associated with said segment;

automatically transforming said electronic data representation into a hypertext format to form a hypertext pictorial transcript;

recording said hypertext pictorial transcript in an electronic medium, adding to a collection of pictorial transcripts, wherein said hypertext pictorial transcript has at least one standard page layout, selectable from a plurality of standard page layouts, that includes a subset of representative frames selected by at least one criterion that reduces bandwidth;

identifying pictorial transcript representations in said collection that are responsive to a user request that includes one or more keywords;

modifying a pictorial transcript representation that was identified by said step of identifying in a manner that is sensitive to said one or more keywords; and

providing the modified pictorial transcript to said user.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual emphasis of said one or more keywords in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual emphasis of the text of said segments in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation that contain said one or more keywords.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim **30** where said modifying is a visual de-emphasis of those of the segments in the modified identified pictorial transcript representation that do not contain said one or more keywords.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **30** where each of said video component comprises segments, and each segment ~~portions of said video program~~ pertains to a scene of said video program.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **30** where said information from which said text is derived is closed caption information ~~that is associated with said~~ portion.